

## FACT SHEET: MANICURING

Manicuring is the practice of cutting, trimming, polishing, coloring, tinting or cleansing the nails. It also includes massaging, cleansing, or beautifying the hands or feet.

**Q: DO MANICURISTS HAVE TO BE LICENSED?**

A: Yes, the Board licenses manicurists and requires them to work only in state licensed salons. Manicurists must have valid manicuring licenses clearly posted at his or her work area.

**Q: WHO CAN PERFORM MANICURING SERVICES?**

A: Only licensed manicurists or cosmetologists can perform manicuring services.

**Q: CAN MANICURISTS WAX OR TWEEZE EYEBROWS?**

A: No, only licensed cosmetologists and estheticians are permitted to wax or tweeze eyebrows. If waxing services are provided at your nail salon, ask to see either a cosmetologist or esthetician license.

**Q: WHAT OTHER SERVICES ARE NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MANICURIST?**

A: It is illegal for any licensee to use razor-edged tools or other instrument to remove calluses. Callus removal is not within the scope of the manicurist and cannot be performed in Board-licensed salons.

**Q: WHAT ARE SOME TIPS THAT I SHOULD KNOW IF I HAVE NAIL SERVICES PERFORMED AT A SALON?**

- All instruments must be cleaned and disinfected after each client.
- All non-disinfectable items, such as pumice stones, emery boards, buffers, drill bits, and cotton pads, must be disposed of immediately after use upon each client.
- Licensees performing services must wash their hands after each client.
- Before the service begins, inform the licensee any health conditions you may have or if you are taking any blood-thinning medication (including aspirin).
- Leave the salon if you have any doubts about its cleanliness.

For additional information, contact the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.